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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of

Inventor: Michael E. Tompkins, et al.

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Client ID/Matter No. BALIN-43631

U.S. Patent 5,550,753

Filed: February 7, 1995

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For: MICROCOMPUTER SPA CONTROL  
SYSTEM

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

On February 26, 1999, the undersigned filed a letter (copy enclosed) with the United States Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the assignee of the present matter no longer qualifies as a small entity. However, the status of this case has not yet been changed by the USPTO and it is hereby requested that the present matter be identified with a large entity status.

We have recently discovered that on February 5, 2000, a maintenance fee was paid in respect of the present matter but the fee paid was an amount for a small entity. This error was

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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.28(c), authorization is hereby provided to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425 the deficiency between the amount paid and the amount due as well as any other fees associated with satisfying the maintenance fee requirement for this matter. Please also consider this paper to be a petition for the acceptance of the fees due in the event such a petition is required and authorization is hereby provided to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425 any fees associated with such a petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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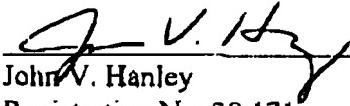
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28, Applicants hereby notify the Office that they no longer qualify as a small entity.

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